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Attorney Docket No.: PAZ-114CP2

Examiner: Sabiha Naim Qazi
Group Art Unit: 1616

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 26-45, 48-85 and 87 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 26-28, and 37-41 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 1, 29-36, 42, 43, 48-50, 67, 69, 70, 81 and 82 have been amended to clarify the invention. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the claims as originally pending. Therefore, claims 1, 3-5, 29-36, 42-45, 48-85 and 87 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

Personal Interview

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Qazi for discussing the application with Applicants' attorneys on May 14, 2007. The claims, as presented herein, were discussed.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's request regarding the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements. Applicants note that the lists of references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements, filed on October 28, 2004 and June 6, 2006, were discussed in the personal interview with the Examiner on May 14, 2007.

Co-Pending Applications

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's request regarding relevant copending applications. As discussed in the personal interview on May 14, 2007, a list of copending applications were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 6, 2006.

SUMMARY

Cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. The cancellation of the claims is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The cancellation of the claims is not related to any issues of patentability.

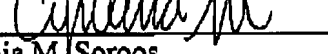
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In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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